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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS: EC DAIRY,
SWISS CHEESES

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1. EC DAIRY CASE CURRENTLY UNDER INTENSE DISCUSSION. WILL
ADVISE YOU OF OUTCOME WHEN MATTER RESOLVED.

2. IF THE EC DAIRY CASE IS RAISED DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH
SWISS OFFICIALS, EMBASSY SHOULD STRONGLY EMPHASIZE THAT
SWISS AND EC CASES ARE VERY DIFFERENT, AND SHOULD NOT BE
LINKED. THE TWO CASES INVOLVE DIFFERENT ISSUES AND HAVE
ENTIRELY DIFFERENT NEGOTIATING HISTORIES. IT WOULD BE VERY
UNFORTUNATE IF THE SWISS LOOKED TO ANY USG ACTION IN
EC CASE AS A PRECEDENT FOR HOW SWISS SITUATION WILL BE
HANDLED. FYI: TREASURY HAS BEEN TOLD INFORMALLY THAT
INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING U.S. DAIRY INDUSTRY, VIEW
SWISS CASE AS SPECIAL AND DISTINCT FROM EC CASE. DURING
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CONVERSATIONS WITH TREASURY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON

JACOBI WAS TOLD THAT U.S. WAS AWARE OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
IN SWISS CASE AND THAT THESE UOULD BE FULLY CONSIDERED IN
REVIEW OF ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION PRIOR TO FINAL DECI-
SION. ALTERNATIVES WOULD OF COURSE INCLUDE DISCRETION WHICH
IS A POSSIBILITY IN THE SWISS CASE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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